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# FOLLOW WISDOM'S PATH

**T**HE DERELICT depicted on the cover of this issue of *DESTINY* was once a young sapling that grew in strength, size and height until its branches spread out to furnish refreshing shade beneath its foliage to passers-by and a place of rest for the birds of the air. Then disaster struck and that which was pleasant to look upon become wretched and forlorn. Yet, as a landmark by the side of the road, even in its broken-down state, the remains still bear witness to its once-majestic appearance when its sturdy, unbroken trunk bespoke its vigor and its branches were fully clothed in their leafy garments.

We are reminded, as we look upon this pitiable sight of a mighty tree that has fallen into decay, of youth that takes the wrong turn in life. If, instead of coming into a knowledge and understanding of the Lord, who is the source of all wisdom, indiscretion overrules and crooked paths are followed, the end can be as disastrous as it was for the tree.

Addressing youth, Solomon said: "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (Prov. 2: 1-11).

What a heritage for any young man or woman to receive: wisdom, judgment, Divine protection, full knowledge and understanding, resulting in spiritual perception tempered by discretion. Possessing all this, they will be able to avoid the pitfalls along the way of life. It

is of such the Psalmist is speaking when he says: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1: 1-3).

But of those who choose the easy, self-centered way — for the way of righteousness means self-denial and sacrifice — Solomon declares that they are simple and shallow in outlook, declaring them to be very foolish because they scorn all effort to gain spiritual knowledge. The wisdom that is God-given is personified as a voice calling to them: "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them" (Prov. 1: 24-32).

The sadness of it all lies in the fact that, just as the derelict by the side of the road is mute testimony of an irrevocable situation beyond all reclamation, so those who choose to eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence will find that, when they reach the end of the way, there can be no turning back to erase their footsteps on the road they have trod. In contrast to this, Solomon declares (Prov. 4: 18): "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

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## THE MARCH OF HISTORY

### *What Lesson?*

IN HIS State of the Union message, President Eisenhower said:

"We have learned a bitter lesson that international agreements, historically considered by us as sacred, are regarded in Communist doctrine and in practice to be mere scraps of paper."

We heartily agree with the observation about Soviet duplicity, for there is no possible way by which the Western nations can come to terms with Soviet Russia. However, was the President correct in stating that a lesson has actually been learned? It is true that our government manifests keen disappointment over the inability to come to agreement with Soviet Russia and it is beginning to recognize the necessity to accept the fact that their commitments are worthless. Nevertheless, even while the President was speaking before Congress, negotiations were being carried on with Soviet Russia looking for agreement on Berlin, the unification of Germany and the possibility of the raising of trade restrictions as Anastas I. Mikoyan toured the United States in the interest of the Kremlin. It is even being suggested that, as the result of Mikoyan's visit to our shores, the stage for United States and Soviet talks was being set.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has published a brochure called "Soviet Political Agreements and Results" in 1956. Therein is a list of more than 150 agreements that the Kremlin has completely repudiated. We will have learned no lesson at all if we continue to negotiate with these truce breakers.

What would one think of a businessman who continued to deal with a firm that failed to honor its contract, reneged on the payment of its bills and that shipped defective materials in violation of all its agreements? He might even declare, as President Eisenhower has stated, that he had learned a lesson that such a company could not be trusted. But what lesson would he have learned if he continued to do business with that same firm?

To learn a lesson is to profit by experience. If we fail to profit by past experience, no lesson has been learned, even though much information has been made available to us. Knowledge of existing conditions in itself is not a lesson unless that knowledge is put to good use. Actually the President should have said in his address before Congress: "We haven't learned anything as yet; we have only been bitterly disappointed in our endeavors to negotiate agreements with the Kremlin."

How the men in the Kremlin must chuckle at this display of colossal stupidity as we endeavor to come to terms with those who have no intention of reaching a



lasting agreement with us. The Soviets are past masters at dangling the bait before our eyes but seeing to it that we shall never quite reach it. Meantime their objective is to wear us down until we are ready to accept their terms — total surrender.

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### *Partaking of Evil*

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WHEN ANASTAS I. MIKOYAN, Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, visited the United States, the proverbial Red Carpet was rolled out for him. Mikoyan's "charm" was mentioned in reports of his travels around the United States, as well as his disarming smiles. Chairman Francis Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee declares:

"Let those . . . who flutter and rejoice in response to the blandishments and smiles of suave Communist diplomats take stock of the simple, awful truth that these blandishments and smiles are a facade behind which operate the deadly tentacles of a human meat grinder that has already consumed millions upon millions of human beings."

Mikoyan is identified with the Hungarian revolution of 1956. He was there at the time and was instrumental in perpetrating the greatest double-cross in the history of modern civilization. This is the man who was entertained by American industrialists, bankers and others in important positions in our nation. Even leaders of the United States Senate met and lunched with him.

In his conferences with U. S. leaders, Mikoyan gave no indication whatever that Moscow's position would yield in any particular. Even if he had made concessions, they would have been for no other purpose than to secure commitments from the United States, while the Kremlin would modify or repudiate those made by their Deputy Prime Minister at will.

All this while Soviet Russia has maintained a complete silence on our missing eleven airmen shot down in Soviet Armenia. Americans are still held by the Soviets, yet we try to reach an understanding with Mikoyan, the double-crosser of the Hungarian people. Soviet Russia has gone on record that the United States of America must be destroyed in order that Communism may become world-wide in its sway. Mikoyan was not here seeking a better understanding of our viewpoint and this will become more evident after his return to Moscow. Meantime, he will have been generously wined and dined and given opportunities to assess our national wealth and the sources of our power and economic strength, all of which will be used against us when he makes his report to Khrushchev.

While in Detroit he made the statement that he no longer believed American businessmen want war because their plants would be destroyed. Actually he never believed they wanted war anyway, for he is not stupid. Why, then, this statement? Was he serving notice on the businessmen of America that their plants will be destroyed if they do not prevent our government from going to war against Soviet aggression? Was this a thinly veiled tactic designed to pressure the businessmen of America into giving Moscow a free hand to carry out her conquest through peaceful means?

When told of the demonstrations against Mikoyan by those who had escaped from the slave states, President Eisenhower called on Americans to show courtesy to him to enable the Soviet visitor to take home an "accurate" picture of the United States. The Deputy Prime Minister of Soviet Russia was given an accurate picture of America rightly enough, but we may be sure he will not make accurate use of it. His main interest is to secure an advantage over us. It would be far better for our future peace if he could have taken back a picture of an aroused nation shocked at Kremlin tyranny and the butchers of innocent people in Hungary. As it is, the President would have him be impressed with our friendliness, regardless of the fact that his hands are stained with the blood of countless victims. The admonition of the Apostle John, addressed to those who would fellowship with the ungodly, comes to mind:

"Receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 10-11.)

All who entertained Mikoyan, shaking his hand and wishing him well, thereby made themselves partakers of his evil deeds.

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### *Giants on Earth*

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SCIENCE often treats as folklore or fable that which the Bible states to be historical fact. For instance, the presence of a race of giants upon this earth has been unacceptable to modern scholars, even though, in describing conditions in antediluvian times, the Scriptures declare: "There were giants in the earth in those days" (Gen. 6: 4). One of the main reasons for scholarly disbelief in the existence of such a race has been the lack of evidence to sustain such a fact. They would not accept the Biblical account as reliable, ignoring the findings which again and again have proved the Scriptural record to be true through later archaeological discoveries.

For many years the existence of Sodom and Gomorrah, two ancient cities which were destroyed in a fiery holocaust because of their wickedness, was questioned, due to the fact that the site of these cities had not been found. Had the scholars read the Biblical account carefully and understandingly, they would have discovered what finally proved to be true, that the ruins of these cities were covered by the waters of the Dead Sea. Moses accurately placed their location as in the Vale (or valley) of Siddim; then he stated that this valley is now the area covered by the Salt (or Dead) sea (Gen. 14: 3).

With the advent of the airplane, the location of the cities was discovered when, flying at a certain height over the Dead Sea, ruins were visible in the waters below, thus confirming the accuracy of the Scriptural account.

The first really conclusive evidence that giants did at one time live upon this earth was brought forward when, in 1934, a Chinese herb doctor in Hong Kong offered for sale three giant teeth which were twice the



size of any ape teeth known. Seven years later, in 1941, a jawbone was found in Java that was unquestionably human but of such gigantic size that it could have held these giant teeth. On this evidence many scientists now believe giants did at one time live upon this earth. But as usual these scientists continue to ignore the Biblical record which places these giants on the earth some 5,000 years ago when they assign the time of their existence to some 500,000 years in the past.

Where is the wisdom of their judgment when they continue to ignore the source of information that has proved throughout the years to be perfect in its precision and accuracy? Isaiah is speaking of this type of scholarship in existence today in his terse statement:

"The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." (Isa. 29: 14.)

It is far from wise to ignore the record of the Scriptures and those who turn their backs upon Holy Writ, refusing to consider what it can teach them, are woefully lacking in understanding.

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### Russian "Mechta"

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IT WAS ON January 2, 1959 that Soviet Russia was supposed to have launched their moon rocket, now named "Mechta" (which means "dream"), announcing its successful firing to the world the next day. If this happened, it would be the first interplanetary flight man has been able to launch from this earth. The Russian claim is that the satellite missed the moon and is now supposed to be in circuit around the sun. All these reports emanating from the Kremlin were timed to appear simultaneously with Mikoyan's planned visit to the United States.

Every similar endeavor on the part of the United States up to the present moment to penetrate outer space has failed. It is admitted by the experts that Soviet Russia is ahead of the United States in this field of activity. All this only emphasizes the fact that Moscow is now in possession of guided missiles that can be used to devastate our cities. We will try to catch up but the prediction is that it may take five years to accomplish this feat. The disquieting fact is that time is running out and very likely, before the next five years have passed, the very troubles we fear and have been hoping to avoid will have come upon us.

When God entered into a covenant relationship with our forefathers at Mount Sinai, He guaranteed that if, as His people, we would obey His commandments and abide by His precepts, we would be "the head, and not the tail," among the nations of the earth (Deut. 28:13). The Lord could have prevented the godless rulers of Soviet Russia from gaining an advantage over us in the field of outer space missiles. Why did He not do so? He did permit us to acquire the secret of splitting the atom, but we betrayed our trust by allowing Soviet Russia to obtain possession of the knowledge that had come to us. Now, because we have departed from righteousness as a people, God is no longer blessing our undertakings as a nation, a fact that coming events will clearly demonstrate beyond question.

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What, then, is the solution? It is not in trying to emulate or surpass Soviet Russia in a missile building race. Rather, the course we should follow for deliverance from our present dilemma is a spiritual one. When, as a nation, we turn to God, keep the terms of His covenant with us, honor Him as our Sovereign Lord and cleanse our land of every evil practice, He will be in a position to pour out a blessing upon us:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Ps. 127: 1.)

Until we are assured of Divine favor upon our undertakings, we labor in vain as we endeavor to catch up with the Soviets. Must we learn this lesson the hard way? We can turn to the Lord now and escape a multiplicity of troubles, hardships and even nation-wide destruction. Actually there is no alternative as the Kremlin prepares weapons of destruction to be used against us when they elect to strike.

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### Berlin

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IN THE LAST ten years, 1,300,000 East Germans have made their escape from East Germany by way of West Berlin. Thus, in spite of the rigid controls the Communists have established, West Berlin has been a gateway to freedom for multitudes desiring to escape from the Communist "heaven." No wonder this has been a sore spot with Khrushchev which, he states, must be eradicated.

The inability of the Communists to stop the flood of refugees seeking freedom has had a disastrous effect upon East Germany. It has been extremely detrimental to its economy, education and public health service, for among the refugees have been many highly qualified persons. The *Chicago Daily Tribune* of January 1, 1959 gives the following report:

"During the first ten months of 1958, 2,000 students, or three per cent of the entire East German student body, 2,700 teachers, and 250 university professors and lecturers fled to West Berlin and West Germany. In October 129 East German physicians, 284 technical directors and engineers, as well as hundreds of skilled workers, technicians, craftsmen, farmers, and others, were counted among the 19,297 who came over.

"A few months ago, the East German government announced the speeding up of industrial production goals as laid down under the current five-year plan. This, it was boasted, will give East Germans a standard of living equivalent to that in West Germany by 1961.

"Despite wholesale dismantling, including the transfer to Russia of numerous highly developed industrial plants, as well as heavy reparations deliveries from East German post-war production, an estimated total value of 14 million dollars, East Germany is now regarded as the strongest economic power in the entire east bloc except Russia. Present East German production targets are largely dependent upon Russian aid in the form of raw material deliveries, mainly oil, as well as credits. If export obligations are not fulfilled, the East German economy not only will be starved in raw material supplies, but will be unable to import the required

food and consumer goods necessary to raise the standard of living of its 18 million people as promised.

"The drain on the country's industrial production, caused by the continuous exodus of skilled labor, engineers, and technicians, has taken on alarming proportions. The flight of physicians not only has aggravated the shortage of doctors, but in a few cases has deprived smaller hospitals of almost their entire medical staffs, while the educational system is suffering from the loss of professors and teachers.

"The 960-mile interzonal border, dividing Germany into two parts, has been closed as tightly as possible. On the East German side there is a so-called death strip. Anyone caught on this plowed-up wide strip of land is shot at on sight by Communist border guards. Behind this is a three-mile-wide prohibited area, which East Germans may enter only with special permits. Along the interzonal border there are 500 high wooden watch towers. More than 280 miles of barbed wire entanglements have been set up in locations where East Germans might be able to get across. Added to these are trip wires, trenches and alarm installations to prevent escapes."

Let all the Communists in America who hold the view that Soviet Russia is the worker's heaven be rounded up and sent to this Communist "paradise" in exchange for those living behind the Iron Curtain who desire to escape from its thralldom. The fact that a government has to set up an elaborate system of barbed wire entanglements to prevent its citizens from escaping from its jurisdiction, shooting down those who attempt it, speaks more eloquently than words could express of the tyranny of its rule.

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### *Lying Double-Talk*

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ANYONE who watched the action and listened to the double-talk of Anastas I. Mikoyan on television's *Meet the Press*, Sunday evening, January 18, 1959, should understand very well why it is impossible to do business with Soviet Russia.

Mikoyan demonstrated that he is a past master in accusing others of what the Soviets are actually doing. When questioned about Hungary, he denied that the Soviets had killed many people there and accused the United States of the same kind of aggression in Lebanon. When reminded that we killed no one and we withdrew our troops while the Soviet troops still remained in Hungary, he had the effrontery to assert that we were forced out of Lebanon, while the Soviet troops were remaining in Hungary by arrangement with its government.

The sum and substance of the interview, openly evident by Mikoyan's responses, was that the Soviet Union is always right, that its only aim is peace, that its occupation of other than Russian territory is always in the interest and on the invitation of the peoples concerned, while the Western Powers are aggressive in their actions and violent in their intentions.

Insofar as Berlin was concerned, he was adamant in regard to the Soviet position and called upon the United States to get out of that city. When asked if East Berlin would be made a part of the proposed "free city," he said that was an entirely different matter.

Anyone who watched and listened to Mikoyan on *Meet the Press* should have been completely disillusioned in regard to the idea of a relaxation of the so-called "cold war," for there is absolutely no hope whatever of reaching amiable agreements with Soviet Russia except on Soviet terms. Deputy Premier Mikoyan made this quite clear.

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### *Evil From the Pit*

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THE ANNUAL convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, attended by some of the nation's most noted psychiatrists and sociologists, outlined, in the sessions on criminology, what should be done to reduce organized crime. The *Deseret News* of Salt Lake City, Utah, in an editorial on January 3, 1959, stated:

"And what were their solutions? Why, simply legalize gambling, prostitution and homosexuality. Remove, in other words, vast temptations to break the law by removing the law. This, so the theory runs, would make these fields no longer prosperous for the operations of organized criminals."

This attitude toward evil spawned from the bottomless pit perfectly illustrates the fact that we live in the era of the fulfillment of the prediction by the Angel who informed Daniel:

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Dan. 12: 4.)

Commenting on this prophecy, it is pointed out in *Study in Daniel*:

"While this passage, particularly as translated in the King James Version, is applied to traveling and the increase in information and advancement in science and knowledge, yet it also has a most significant application to the great apostasy. Running to and fro is a translation of the Hebrew word *shut* meaning to rove, turn about, despise; that is, those who swerve, turn aside, or apostatize.

"David referred to those who had apostatized in his time when he said:

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." (Ps. 101: 3.)

"In a footnote in *The Companion Bible*, not only is this fact of a great apostasy brought out in connection with the translation of 'running to and fro,' but other pertinent meanings are given:

"The Septuagint, Swete's edition, Vol. III, p. 572 (A) reads: *heos an apomanosin*, i.e., 'till many shall have gone raving mad.'"

"A footnote in this same Bible, commenting on 'Knowledge shall be increased,' states:

"Knowledge: with Art., Ginsburg reads *haraoth* (calamities, or wickedness) for *haddaath*. The Sept. (A) reads *adikias*, 'wickedness' (Swete's edition, Vol. III, p. 572)."

"Moffatt, in his translation of the passage, presents perhaps a more accurate rendering into English of the meaning of the original text. Thus, by the time the crisis at the end has come, many will have given way (turned from the truth) while troubles (calamities and wickedness) will be multiplied upon the earth.

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# Month By Month ·

by A. R. H.

A SPECIALIST has been defined as someone who is continually learning more and more about less and less. Perhaps it is this modern trend toward increasing specialization that partly results in statements being made by prominent men which are so one-sided that at first sight they seem to betray an almost kindergarten mentality. Yet the glamor and acclaim conferred by press publicity is such that these pronouncements gain a false appearance of being infused with an aura of intellectual integrity.

Two "howlers" of this description occurred recently which, had they not emerged from the brains, respectively, of a famous astronomer and a high dignitary of the Church, might have been ignored as rating the intelligence quotient of adolescence. The first statement due for dissection is one made by Professor Hoyle. The second is one made by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It has been truly said that hard words break no bones, and with due respect to the persons named, one's first impression is that if men in prominent positions of public life can do no better than this, then it would be wiser for them to take a vow of silence.

## *Pitfalls for Popular Pundits*

These preliminary remarks are not uttered with a view to being deliberately provocative in a personal sense. They are made in forcible terms with the object of trying to check the current drift toward intellectual muddle-headedness which tends to have a lowering effect on uninformed public opinion incapable of making a balanced judgment for itself on these particular matters.

Careless talk was condemned in wartime for obvious reasons. Similarly, slovenly standards of intellectual thinking can become equally deadly and damaging in their effects during times of peace.

Paul proclaimed the basic principle which should guide us in making a truly intellectual judgment on any matter when he declared: "*If any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*" If we take time to ponder the significance of this principle, we shall find that it is not only basic but profound. What does it mean? What it means in essence is that our conception of the truth is not the same as truth itself. Our conception of the truth is only our conception of it. If we keep this distinction clearly in our minds, we shall not fall into the same pit as popular pundits.

What was the statement which sparked off the Fred Hoyle controversial outcry? It was the dogmatic assertion: "*There is no room for a super-being in a universe where there is continuous creation. If such a super-being exists, then he must stand outside of space-time and the universe as it is.*"

Really, Professor, what can you mean when you speak of the universe "*as it is*"? If we are to be correct,

in accordance with the high standards demanded by a true spirit of scientific investigation, the use of such a phrase or term is quite unwarrantable. The utmost a scientist can claim to know about the universe is what it appears to be, subject to the limitations imposed by 1) the evidence of the senses, 2) the nature of instruments used in observation and 3) the ability of the individual to correctly interpret the facts perceived.

Even when these elementary requirements are complied with, there remain other limiting factors which need to be taken into consideration. For if men were endowed with powers of perception other than those they do possess at present, it is logical to assume that the universe would tell us another story. If men had instruments of a different caliber, the conclusions arrived at might be different. Is that not so, Professor?

Granted it can be contended that we are bound to arrive at conclusions based upon the equipment, mental and mechanical, which we have got, rather than speculate upon what our viewpoint might be if we were in possession of higher powers of perception and more advanced technical equipment. But an honest recognition of these factors, which automatically qualify any opinions given based on theoretical speculation, acts as a necessary restraint on the all-too-prevalent temptation which prompts scientists to utter pontifical pronouncements.

## *Doubts About Deity*

Again, there is little logical ground for asserting that there is no room for a Super-Being in a universe where there is continuous creation since, on examination, we find the weight of logic strongly suggests a contrary conclusion. To assert this view is tantamount to saying that, because manufacturers are continuously producing new designs for aircraft, there is little room for super-designers in the aircraft industry. Which, as Euclid might have said, is absurd.

Wherever we see evidence of design and purpose in the universe, it constitutes the strongest possible evidence of the existence of a controlling intelligence behind it. Similarly, the manifestation of creative powers continuously at work in any field of endeavor presupposes a source of knowledge from which designers and inventors derive their inspiration.

Certainly, the Scriptures declare that no man hath seen God at any time. And without controversy there is little prospect of an astronomer being the first man to see God while gazing through a telescope! So why make statements which imply that, because this has not happened, there is, therefore, no room in the universe for God.

The Scriptures make it clear that to see God is possible only after we have entered into a hypostatic relationship as of like to like. Thus the dictum of I John 3: 2, that "*we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is,*" confirms the fact that the way to see God



"as He is" is through becoming transformed into the image of God, or Divine nature. By the same token, if we aspire to see the truth, as it is in reality, rather than as we think it is or imagine it to be, we have to aspire to become the truth itself. Herein lies the distinction between our conception of the truth, which is relative only, and the truth itself, which is absolute.

### *An Outworn Heresy*

Some idea of the perturbation caused by Hoyle's somewhat primitive brand of agnosticism is illustrated by the extracts from the daily press which follow. It began with a *News Chronicle* article by Hugh McLeave, under the challenging subcaption "No God," accompanied by the comment:

"The most brilliant of our astronomers is sure that the missing bits of the universal jigsaw will drop into place according to his own theories. In Hoyle's universe there is no beginning and no end; there is no limit to space and time and there is no God. The first words of Hoyle's Genesis might run: 'In the beginning was hydrogen. From this element was created the heavens and the earth. And to this element they return.'"

One needs little more than the intelligence of a seven-year-old schoolboy to debunk this nonsense by asking the simple question: "Where did the element of hydrogen come from?" Moreover, as Byron Bache of Cambridge pertinently puts it:

"I am surprised to find the *News Chronicle* perpetuating the old heresy that, if men can understand how the universe works, it proves there is no God. The Christian faith teaches that God is continually at work in His universe on both the physical and spiritual planes. And the Psalmist long ago wrote: 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.' Such statements as Hoyle's tell us more about the people that make them and their soul-destroying materialism than they do about God."

### *Demonstrating Materialistic Conceptions*

John Bennett of Croydon is equally emphatic when he protests in the following stringent terms:

"Professor Lovell recently expressed grave doubts of the future integrity of the science of astronomy in the hands of Soviet doctrinaires motivated by the purpose of demonstrating their materialistic conception of the universe. Hugh McLeave expresses boundless admiration of a British counterpart pursuing the same course. The tragedy is that a popular family paper should try to confuse the unthinking into imagining that an atheist who happens to be clever in one particular branch of natural science is thereby to be accepted as an authority in theology and philosophy."

Finally, P. A. Taylor of Coventry makes the caustic assertion:

"It is self-deluding to presume that observing and measuring specific forms and patterns arising out of specific changes and processes, whether on the earth or moon, will lead to answers to such questions as: How did the world begin? Did God create it? Did it create itself?"

"These questions have no meaning except in men's minds and only arise because man sees the cosmos from his own outlook. Past, present and future, time and space, cause and

creation are only names man has given to aspects of his own view of the processes of the Cosmos."

This correspondent ends on a note of anticlimax, however, when he concludes with the somewhat gratuitous assumption:

"Man's interpretation is, of course, the only possible one for man. But it is not necessarily the correct one and probably never will be, since to be in possession of all possible knowledge about the cosmos implies too great an evolutionary development."

### *What is Man?*

Such a contention, embodying, as it does, conflicting viewpoints, needs to be reviewed in the light of the larger question: What is man? Who are we to limit the inexhaustible treasures of wisdom and knowledge which God has promised to reveal to those who love Him? Man is not man as yet. We are not in resonance with God if we doubt the power of Deity to transform us. Are we not enjoined to become transformed through the renewing of our minds? The cautious attitude of this humanist approach, however, is much to be commended compared with the brash presumption of an atheist or agnostic.

It was Solomon who declared that the Almighty "created the world of matter without form," and we do not have to be a genius to conceive the possibility of the existence of a world of form in which matter, as men know it, does not exist. Half a century ago Sir Arthur Eddington and other eminent scientists expounded the theory of a universal Ether as the substrata of the phenomenal world we see around us. Modern physicists are becoming increasingly aware of this new aspect of the cosmos — the existence of an inner world within the external world of outer forms — in which solid substances appear to be superseded by intangible forces.

Truth is a progressive revelation. And if we are students of Biblical prophecy in world events, it is possible for us to tolerate with true detachment the egotistical extravagances of scientists, seeing in these aberrations a reflection of the prophecy of Isaiah (29: 14, Ferrar Fenton Version): "So on this Race I lay wonders, add wonders to wonders, destroying its scientists' science, and baffling its scholars' researches."

Every man is entitled to his own opinion for what it may be worth. But it is the responsibility of the public press to see that mere opinion is not given the appearance of being authoritative, with the consequence that the simple faith of millions is liable to be undermined and destroyed.

(To be continued)

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# TONGUE-TIED CITIZENS

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By C. R. Dickey

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SO ACCUSTOMED are we to thinking of ourselves as free people in a free society that it may seem farfetched to say that good citizens among us are often tongue-tied by intimidation and discrimination. The failure of such people to speak their convictions does not necessarily indicate cowardice on their part; it may be due rather to the fact that they are maliciously banned from presenting the truth as they see it.

There are a few radio and television programs — only a few, mind you — which are always introduced with this statement: "The opinions expressed on this program do not necessarily represent the views of this station or its sponsors." Now it is a fact of considerable significance that the two programs in our area which invariably rate that absurd introduction are those of Dean Clarence Manion and Mr. Dan Smoot. Is it not high time to inquire why such explanation is never deemed necessary when assorted "liberals" and socialists use the networks?

The excuse for this unwarranted discrimination against men like Dean Manion, Dan Smoot and Fulton Lewis, Jr., is that their reports are controversial. But who decides that the views of these men are controversial, and that the views of certain other more favored newscasters are not controversial? It is obviously by premeditated and sinister design that the opinions of Christian patriots are branded "controversial" — while nondescript one-worlders can and do advocate ideas that would remove the very foundation stones from stable society without being designated "controversial." Obviously it has never occurred to certain manipulators, with more power than principle, that controversy is a two-way street.

Indeed, what has ever been more controversial than the Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus and His disciples?

It was so regarded by the Jewish authorities who did everything in their power to stop it. What if those first Christians had kept silent because the Gospel was controversial? There would be no Light of life in Jesus Christ for mankind today. The whole world would be shrouded in spiritual darkness.

Intimidation has long been used as an effective weapon against truth and righteousness. The New Testament abounds with illustrations of its use against the Person of Jesus Christ and the spread of His Gospel. Some interesting examples are found in the Gospel of John. The seventh chapter gives an account of a series of actions and arguments which took place during an observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Verses 11-13 reveal clearly the use of intimidation and its effect on the people:

"Then the Jews sought him [Jesus] at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man; others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews."

Even people who had been the recipients of Jesus' miracle-working power were afraid to speak His name. It was so with the parents of a man born blind. When the Jews questioned them as to how their son had received his sight, they hedged with this evasive reply: "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: but by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself." John adds this explanation of their vague reply: "These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he [Jesus] was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue."

It is written also that some of the chief rulers actually believed on Jesus, "but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue." They were moral cowards who "love the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12: 42-43).

In John 19: 38, it is recorded that immediately after the death of Jesus, "Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus." Joseph knew that where Jesus was concerned it was safer to appeal to Pilate than to the Jews.

In the days preceding His death Jesus also used caution in dealing with the Jewish leaders. He knew what was in their hearts. Thus it is written in John 7: 1: "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him." And in John 11: 53-54, we read: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples."

Now it should be emphasized here that the caution exercised by our Lord was not due to fear of Jewish threats. He knew the end from the beginning and was aware of all their murderous intents. He told His unbelieving brethren that His time had not yet come, and that the world hated Him, "because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil" (John 7: 6-7). As the apostle himself declared in verse 30: "Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come."

There was reason for caution on the part of these earliest followers of Jesus; they had not then received absolute proof that He was the Son of God, the ever-living Lord and Saviour. In fact, the faith which He had inspired in them by His teaching and works seemed only a futile hope on the day of His death. Despair filled the hearts of the eleven remaining disciples as they turned sorrowfully from the scene at Calvary.

Then came the Resurrection Morning and the joyful news that Christ was no longer dead, but alive and in their midst. It was too much to grasp all at once. The old fears lingered despite their rejoicing. When Mary Magdalene told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, the following scene took place:

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." (John 20: 10.)

From this brief review of events we see how prominent citizens of that day were silenced by intimidation, how true believers themselves were sometimes tongue-tied by fear of reprisal. Notwithstanding the fact that Judea was under the jurisdiction of Rome, the Jewish leaders were permitted to exercise authority over their own people in matters of religious laws and observances.

But after the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, immediately following the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples and other devout believers were empowered to speak the truth boldly without yielding to the demands of their enemies. They began to understand what their Lord meant when He said, "He that loses his life for my sake shall find it." They could no longer be silenced by threats of scourging and death. As it is written in Hebrew 13: 6: "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Such men have been liberated from the bondage of intimidation. They are the true "liberals" of every generation, the vanguard of Christian faith and progress.

We can understand why those first Christians feared Jewish power in

their day. Like their forefathers, they had long been oppressed by scribes and Pharisees who sat "in Moses' seat," devising heavy and grievous burdens to lay upon others, from which they themselves were immune (Matt. 23: 4). But what shall we say about the attitude of twentieth century Christians who are yielding to the pressure of unbelieving Jews today? That is truly an incredible and inexcusable state of affairs. Aggressive Jews have been quick to seize this golden opportunity to guide the opinions and social action of Christian Churches.

On the pretext of mutual fellowship and brotherhood, clever Jews are infiltrating the majority of all Christian institutions. Blame for this intrusion must be placed squarely upon the leaders of our churches and schools, who violate the faith they profess by consorting with enemies of the cross of Jesus Christ (Phil. 3: 18). The Apostle Paul sounds a warning against this folly in II Corinthians 6: 14-15:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

Some erroneously argue that Jews believe in God, therefore, they are not unbelievers; but there is not a statement in the New Testament to support the contention. The Epistles of John should settle this question in the minds of honest Christians for all time to come. The following statements are quoted from I John 5: 10-13 and II John, verses 7-11:

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to

yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, *hath not God*. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, *he hath both the Father and the Son*. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

If any Christian is still confused about his relation to Jewry, let him turn to the first chapter of Paul's Epistle to Titus and get his bearings from the chief apostle's advice to his young friend. It reads as follows:

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. . . . This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

Today many Protestant pastors are tongue-tied. They are afraid to discuss the so-called controversial issues of the day and tremble with fear if a guest speaker strays too close to the vital problems confronting the world. There are those who would like to preach a "socialized" version of the Gospel but fear an unfavorable reaction from influential members; then there are others who lean toward old-fashioned reverence for God and country but tread softly lest they lose favor with the left-wing overlords of the churches. The solution usually adopted by both groups is to preach inoffensive little sermons that neither instruct nor challenge the congregation. We have listened to many such homilies in the past few years.

Obviously the most dangerous leaders in the churches are those who are going down the line hand in hand with Zionist Jews. These men openly espouse every movement designed to destroy our sovereignty and free Christian society. Are they



knaves or fools? Do they not know that it is only by complete freedom in the State that the Church can survive? The prophets of God in former days knew it and preached national righteousness as the means of preserving both State and Church. Today our chief trouble lies in the fact that a majority of the most publicized preachers and theological professors have no more faith in Christ, or regard for His Person in the true Gospel sense, than unbelieving Jews themselves. Therefore, all being reprobates, they have much in common.

It is written in Lamentations 5: 6: "Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand." Western nations are now in the same sad plight due to that invention of the International Cabal known as the United Nations Organization. Here it is, right in our midst, with its representatives from almost every backward country in the world, each with *one vote*, the same as the United States of America. If leaders from such countries are capable of helping to run the affairs of the world, why is it that they have never lifted the standard of living in their own countries to the level of western nations?

Tongue-tied citizens! Yes, we have millions of them now and the prospect of more to come. We are great joiners. Almost everyone belongs to one, or maybe a dozen, organizations of some kind. Men's service clubs and women's service clubs, hundreds of them; business clubs, church and school clubs, lodges — all too numerous to mention. Apparently, no organization can function these days without a national headquarters either in New York City or Washington, D. C., preferably the former, it seems, from the addresses issuing like a lava stream from the radio and television networks.

It seems logical to suppose that one purpose of such organizations would be to develop individual initiative and free discussion. But not so. All the thinking is done at headquarters. It is packaged with detailed instructions and sent down the line to affiliating clubs and committees, even to the smallest local unit. One of the main points

stressed in all such literature is that speakers must not discuss "controversial" subjects — meaning, of course, that they must adhere strictly to the *one side* of the controversy recommended by that small, all-wise group at the national office. And woe to any visiting speaker who ventures to express a contrary opinion. He will never be invited again.

Few people realize how these multitudinous service organizations are being used as channels of subversive thought control and the suppression of truth. Well-meaning, loyal men and women are unwittingly furnishing the money to flood the country with tons of literature aimed at burying sovereign Christian nations under an avalanche of godless world dictatorship. Thus intimidation again rears its ugly head as in the days of old; it is more subtle than in former times but none the less deadly. Many citizens are brain-washed and tongue-tied. It is to be devoutly hoped that courage will overcome fear, that millions will yet speak and act before it is too late. Let us heed the following warning which appeared in *The Weekly Review*:

"One day the American and British Governments will have to stop the unhindered circulation of a vast mass of poisonous literature which is sapping the strength of western civilization. One day they will have to choose between destruction from within and the control of subversive movements. The volume of poisonous literature has now become monumental. The extent and effort of subversive organizations have lately increased to such proportions as to be more dangerous than all Russia's armed forces put together. . . .

"The extent of subversive activity is now so great that the entire western world is being subverted by lies. A study of the extensive organization of subversive activities in commerce, education, the Church, the Press, radio and television — not to speak of innumerable political or social groups — would fill a bulky volume. It would shake public opinion to its foundations. . . . Only Governments possess the means to stop it." (June 29, 1956.)

Paul's accusation, "subverting whole houses, and teaching things which they ought not," still characterizes the work of international Jewry. The important lesson for us to remember, however, is that those

Spirit-filled Christians held the line and conquered through Christ in spite of violent opposition. A typical scene is described in Acts 5. When some of the apostles were brought before the council, the following conversation took place:

" . . . the high priest asked them, saying, Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him." (27-32.)

Suppose those apostles of Jesus Christ had ceased speaking His Name because of the tremendous pressure and threats of death from unbelieving Jews. Where would men have turned for eternal hope? Where would we turn now without Him? Will the churches drop His Name today under the same pressure? Yes, some have. Without counting the cost, they are fulfilling the prophecy of a falling away from the faith prior to Christ's triumphant return to reign on the earth (II Thess. 2: 3).

The real "liberals" today are men and women who are not afraid to come out in the open for truth on all-important issues. As the Rev. J. W. Burn has said:

"Even the reproach of Christ is greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. We who delight in God's commandments are not ashamed to stand with Moses before Pharaoh, Daniel in Babylon, Peter and John in the presence of the Sanhedrin, and Paul at Caesar's bar."

It is not always safe to take such a stand. Many brave Christians have paid with their lives for the privilege of standing with Christ against Antichrist. They were not silenced by intimidation, nor even by death itself; for they are numbered among the heroes of faith, who "being dead yet speaketh."

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# THE WRITTEN RECORD

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By Howard B. Rand

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OF ALL LIFE created to exist upon the earth, man alone can read and write. To him has been given the marvelous faculty of tabulating his thoughts, reactions and aspirations in writing, and of recording what has happened, what is at the moment occurring and even what is expected to come to pass.

Through the medium of writing the past is known and the present is preserved. Still more remarkable, the veil is removed from the future, for we have the records left to us by the prophets of the Bible. Man is unique in this respect, for God has granted him the ability to understand and the privilege to ponder in his heart the Divine plans and purposes which He has revealed in the permanent record of the Scriptures. It is to the attention of the human race only that the Bible is directed.

## *Records Endure*

By the process of writing the acts of men and all the transpiring events of importance in their day are preserved for future generations to consider. When facts are committed to writing, they become a record that will endure as long as writing exists. Such a record will outlast any oral testimony and all unrecorded commitments of every kind. These may be forgotten, but the written word prevents the memory of the past from perishing. A thousand years afterward what was written down can be understood by generations remotely removed from the time of its recording.

Words may be hastily or carelessly spoken and oral statements may be distorted by repetition, but writing involves deliberation and a more precise phraseology. Agreements and contracts are accepted at face value when there is no question regarding the authenticity of their authorship. The written testimony of truth can

be very damaging to evil men who will go to any lengths to destroy incriminating evidence of this kind. All types of crimes, even murder, have been committed in the attempt to prevent written testimony from being presented in court as evidence against the criminal.

## *The Bible Attacked*

There is a similarity between this fact and the atheist's attack upon the reliability of the Bible, the unrighteous man's attempt to belittle its instructions and its penalties and the wholesale onslaught of the Modernists in their endeavor to destroy all belief in the inspiration and authenticity of the Scriptures. Back of it all is the desire to destroy the Written Word that testifies against them.

However, the Bible stands as an impregnable rock of truth because God Himself authorized its preparation. In His dealings with the human race He endorses the principle that the written record is essential to establish the reality of His existence and the revelation of His purposes. Moses, the prophets and the apostles were all used of the Holy Spirit in the production of this record for human enlightenment.

## *For All Time*

This greatest of all documents reveals the course of righteousness and pronounces judgment upon the ungodly. The theme of redemption pervades its pages and the plan of salvation is there for a race fallen from grace through sin. Men and nations are given instructions to guide their way of life and avoid the pitfalls of this world order.

The Bible brings comfort to the weary and those who are troubled in body and in mind may turn to its pages to secure relief from the burdens they bear. It exalts him who

is low in spirit and humbles those who are proud of heart. Because its message is committed to writing, it is a continuing testimony for all time unto all men. No one will be without excuse when, in the coming day of assize, all will be required to give an account of the use made of their lives. The Holy Scriptures stand to testify against all those who ignore its instructions or deliberately flaunt its precepts and laws. By that Word each individual will be justified and by that Word each one will be condemned.

## *Teachers Responsible*

Ecclesiastical leaders, ministers, priests, rabbis — all who purport to teach and who fail to rightly instruct those who look to them for guidance in an understanding of Holy Writ will come under greater condemnation. It is a solemn responsibility to undertake to instruct others and, unless those who do so are led by the Holy Spirit, they tread on dangerous ground. Peter testified that those who strive to obey the Gospel are accountable to God to such an extent that, by comparison, all who refuse to heed the words of truth will be even more reprehensible:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? (1 Peter 4: 17-18.)

## *Governmental Responsibility*

What of government officials to whom God has entrusted the administration of the affairs of His Kingdom? Can they flaunt His written instructions with impunity? They cannot. God will one day bring them to judgment and they will be made to give an account of

their stewardship in governmental affairs.

A case in point is the present trend on the part of state legislators to turn their backs on the Divine requirements regarding the meting out of justice to the murderer. The Lord made the death penalty mandatory for anyone who lightly esteems the life of another:

"Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death." (Num. 35: 30.)

The unwillingness to heed this injunction has resulted in a marked increase in crime from year to year. At the same time the charge of bloodguiltiness is upon the heads of those responsible for the failure of justice in behalf of the many innocent victims who have died violent deaths at the hands of murderers who would have been deterred from taking life if they had known beyond doubt that the penalty would be the swift forfeiture of their own lives. Those who have contributed in any way to the present decline in justice will not be able to disclaim personal responsibility on the grounds that the death penalty does not deter the criminal, for He who knows the hearts of men declares why the punishment must fit the crime:

"And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you." (Deut. 19: 20.)

They will also be estopped from pleading ignorance of the law in the day of assize, for the instructions designed to give them direction in dealing with the criminal are a matter of written record. Furthermore, having cited the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," as their excuse for the abolition of capital punishment, they do acknowledge one phase of the Divine requirements (the commandment to the individual), but they deliberately ignore the judgment rendered in the same written document which charges the nation with its duty when the murderer has taken life:

"Ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death; but he shall be surely put to death." (Num. 35: 31.)

## ***Betraying the People***

What of our national leadership that ignores the prophetic record of things to come as the foes of His Kingdom prepare for battle in their bid for world conquest? There is no lack of information concerning the proposed program of the enemy, for all the prophets have fully outlined his plans for aggression and by their forecasts the nation should have been forewarned. Because the available information has not been taken into account, the accusation is made through the Prophet Ezekiel:

"Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord." (Ez. 13: 5.)

Through Ezekiel the Lord specifically declares of such governmental leaders:

"They shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God. Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace." (Ez. 13: 9-10.)

In the day when these national officials come face to face with the necessity to render an account of their stewardship, will they try to excuse themselves by pleading that they were endeavoring, to the best of their ability, to bring about world peace? Will they present in evidence their activities to this end in the United Nations where God is not properly recognized and much that is done is at the expense of principle? If they had given consideration to facts to which they could have had access by studying the messages of the prophets, they would not have been maneuvered into the position of compromising with the enemies of God and His Kingdom, of attempting to come to terms with the foe who is all the while plotting the destruction of the nation.

## ***Another Record***

While the Bible is an earthly record, setting forth in detail what God requires of men and nations and listing the penalties for the failure to abide by its teachings, there is also another record being pre-

pared in heaven, containing an account of how men and nations have reacted to the information and instructions recorded for their admonition in the earthly record. This heavenly document is called the Book of Life, the existence of which is confirmed in Holy Writ. Moses recognized that such a book was being written when he pleaded for Israel:

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." (Ex. 32: 32.)

Answering Moses, the Lord confirmed the existence of this Book of Life:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." (Ex. 32: 33.)

David also recognized that such a record was being kept for, when speaking of his adversaries and praying to God to deliver him from evil men, he voiced the petition:

"Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous." (Ps. 69: 27-28.)

When speaking of his enemies, who were watching his steps and devising harm against him every day, David asked God to pay them back for their malice, and then he said:

"Thou countest up my sleepless hours, my tears are gathered in thy bottle — are they not noted in thy book?" (Ps. 56: 8, *Moffatt Trans.*)

Jesus referred to this same record when the seventy disciples returned from their mission and reported to Him that even devils were subject to them in His name. To His reply He added:

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10: 20.)

## ***The Preferred List***

Through John in the Book of Revelation, our Lord communicated a special message to those "who have ears to hear":

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book



of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." (Rev. 3: 5.)

The opposite aspect was also referred to by Jesus after he asked the question: "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" He remarked:

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8: 38.)

Those who have been ashamed to confess Jesus Christ before men risk the danger of having their names omitted from the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21: 27) when He assumes his triumphant role as King of kings and Lord of lords and citizenship in His Kingdom is confirmed to those who will be privileged to enter therein.

### *The Resurrection*

This will be brought about after the resurrection has become an actuality. The Prophet Daniel was told:

"And at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Dan. 12: 1-2.)

In his translation Ferrar Fenton refers to that book as the Book of Record. Moffatt renders the above statement:

"But everyone of your people who is enrolled in the book of life shall be delivered, and many who sleep in the dust of death shall awake, some to life for evermore, some to be rejected and abhorred for evermore."

A division among those who awaken in the resurrection is indicated here, some to a preferential position, others to a far less desirable place. However, the awakening to rejection is a later phase in the process of resurrection and is for the final Great Day of Assize:

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the

dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20: 12-15.)

### *Book of Remembrance*

That there is more than one heavenly record is made clear in the Book of Revelation by the use of the plural "books" (Rev. 20: 12). A specific title is given to one of these records by the Prophet Malachi:

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." (Mal. 3: 16-17.)

The allusion here is to records kept by kings (Esther 6: 1), listing those who had performed signal services and, therefore, should be the first to be rewarded. The word

translated "jewels" actually means the king's own treasure and most prized by him. Those whom the Lord, as King, calls His jewels will be spared to be associated with Him "in that day." It will be only those designated as the wise, or overcomers, whose names Jesus has certified before His father and the angels who are instructed to go forth to gather these elect (Matt. 24: 31), who will be registered in the Book of Remembrance and will therefore receive an invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

While the seers and prophets of the Lord have written down words of instruction in what we now call our Bible, men and women, by their personal actions and behavior, have been adding to the record in heaven that will appear for or against them when the books are opened in the day they stand before the throne of God. The privilege of the overcoming Christian, who has accepted Jesus Christ as His Saviour and has offered his life in singleness of purpose (Phil. 3: 13-14) to be governed by the Lord and controlled by His Holy Spirit, is to have expunged from the record all judgment upon his works, for his name will have been transferred to the Lamb's Book of Life where there is a special recording of those classified as overcomers. They are to be judged according to their faith and rewarded in accordance with their works.

Thus, those who have overcome the temptations of life, and in the name of God and His Son have taken their stand for righteousness, are assured that their names are listed among the guests who are invited to the Marriage Supper. It should be the earnest desire of every Christian to have his name on the roster of the Book of Remembrance, for this will guarantee his deliverance, along with the righteous dead, from troubles to come. All those who are accounted worthy to stand before the Son of man (Luke 21: 36) will experience the special blessing of joining their Lord at the festival of the Marriage Supper and afterward take their appointed place in His Kingdom when they accompany Him on His return to assume the throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever.

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THE INFORMATION received by this Service from some of the best sources in the Soviet Union now suggests that the possibility of a military-political clash in the fairly near future cannot be excluded, although the army chiefs will do their best to screen it from the outside world as far as possible by some form of camouflage. Khrushchev, for his part, is not in the position of strength that his words and actions seem to suggest. He is not the master. He is, in fact, badly rattled and jumpy. But he is fighting desperately for his personal position. He is reluctant to attack the army chiefs in the way that Stalin could and did. What he is trying to do, therefore, is so to strengthen his political position with the Party and the public that the military junta dares not touch him. He wants to make the political front headed by himself permanently indispensable.

Khrushchev has also got himself into trouble with Peking. The Peking Government is very angry with him for having let Red China down over Quemoy. There are indications, however, that something new is brewing in the Far East about which Mao Tse-tung does not want Moscow to know. Russian Intelligence is very good in Peking. It is perhaps significant that the Communist Chinese political and military chiefs have been conferring at the highest level at Uhan in Central China — well out of the way of regular Soviet Intelligence. There is also reason to believe that Molotov, from Outer Mongolia, may have special contacts with Peking outside his normal duties as Ambassador in Ulan Bator.

If a military-political showdown — however disguised — does come about in Russia, it would signal the beginning of the Napoleonic phase of the revolution. It would not mean the end of Russia's military ambitions — far from it. It may well be asked, therefore, what, if the military chiefs disagree with Khrushchev's policy, their own policy would be? The first thing they want to do is to cool off the U. S. A. — if possible to the point of neutralism or as near to it as can be managed.

An interesting possibility — one cannot yet put it higher than that — as to a replacement of Khrushchev if he fails to maintain his position, is that Koniev and his friends might bring Zhukov back as a politician. It is certain that by his latest outburst, actually threatening war over Berlin, Khrushchev has made the domestic crisis in Russia far more acute. Why he chose this moment to do so is not yet known to this Service. Be all this as it may, it is quite clear that during 1958 Russia involved herself in situations in which there were only three solutions: 1) retreat by Russia; 2) re-

treat by the West; and 3) war. Russia chose the first. She has now committed herself even more deeply to the same situation for 1959. It would be difficult to conceive of greater folly now that the Western Powers have at last toughened up. However, Russia has involved herself in such a situation and the next two years will therefore be of the most intense interest.

It seems reasonably certain that shortly after the New Year there will be a top-level conference between Communist China and the U. S. S. R. There will probably be little if any publicity about these talks, which will be in the nature of a private meeting between top-level leaders. The talks had originally been planned for the end of November or the beginning of December but were postponed. Peking wants these talks to bring about complete clarification on the main issues as between Chinese and Russian policies. The Chinese leaders are anxious to eliminate the fundamental differences which at present hamper Soviet-Chinese cooperation. Peking wants to recreate a united front between the two great Communist Powers in order to deny the Western Powers any opportunity of exploiting the present differences.

According to the Chinese-prepared agenda (which has not necessarily been agreed to in Moscow) the first question to be raised is that of Formosa. Peking admits that there have been serious differences about this and also admits that during the critical phase of the recent offshore islands affair, decisions were taken in Peking without having first informed or consulted Moscow. This is now admitted to have been a mistake. At the same time, the Peking Foreign Office and the Defense Department say that the Russian refusal to make submarines available in order to interrupt supplies to Quemoy and Matsu was not only a major error on Russia's part but was also an unfriendly gesture, particularly because of the abrupt nature of the refusal.

Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai and Liu Shao-chi are of the opinion that to try to force a military solution would, at present, be unwise. In their opinion, the best thing would be negotiations designed to trap the United States into giving the impression that they are betraying their ally Chiang Kai-shek. In the opinion of the political group in Peking, such an outcome would have a far-reaching effect throughout Asia and would have repercussions far beyond the Formosa dispute. American credit, so the argument goes, would be destroyed with the peaceful surrender of Quemoy and Matsu.

The military group thinks that, from the prestige viewpoint, it would be more desirable to bring about a military victory than to obtain concessions by negoti-

ation. There is evidence to suggest that the army chiefs are demanding an immediate assault on the offshore islands. It seems probable, however, that the political view is the more likely to prevail. If this is so, Peking's Formosan policy, as expressed at the talks with Russia, will be to keep up relatively minor harassing operations and to create a series of crises in order to force the United States into negotiations which, it is hoped, would be followed by the surrender of the offshore islands.

The next point on the Chinese agenda for the talks is the question of Hong Kong. Peking wishes to clear up this problem in the not-too-distant future and there is evidence to suggest that something is being prepared. A Revolutionary Committee for Hong Kong is being formed under the supervision of the International Office of the Chinese Communist Party and there is growing evidence of preparations on these lines inside Hong Kong. The general plan is to create disturbances which the British authorities would have to suppress by force, thus giving Peking a pretext for diplomatic intervention. Peking is confident that Britain can be diplomatically isolated on the issue of Hong Kong in such a way that, sooner or later, she will have to give in.

Another important point will be Soviet arms deliveries to China. Over this, Russia has been dragging her feet and seems unwilling to go beyond existing commitments. These talks between Moscow and Peking will be of the highest importance in the field of international affairs and decisions will be taken which will have a strong impact on world events in 1959. As soon as information becomes available as to the decisions reached, it should be possible to draw reasonably clear inferences as to the probable course of events.

All the chief political activities in the Soviet Union revolve around the forthcoming Communist Party Congress to be held during January. This congress will cover a wide range of problems.

The Communist Party Congress, to which representatives of the other Communist countries have been invited, will also deal with Soviet foreign policy and the groundwork will be laid for the appropriate propaganda line. The extraordinary session of the Central Secretariat of the Soviet Communist Party held in November, under the Presidency of Kuslov and in the presence of Khrushchev, dealt with some important matters in the foreign sphere. In Europe, the main interest is centered on Finland and Greece. It was decided that in both countries efforts should be stepped up toward creating popular fronts. Concerning Cyprus, the Communist forces inside the Greek EDA have had precise orders to create as much bloodshed as possible in order to further poison relationships between Greece and Britain and Turkey.

In discussing the Moslem countries, it was accepted that Moscow can no longer give unconditional support to Nasser. The main effort in the Middle East is now to be concentrated on Iraq, with a view to bringing about a regime under Communist influence. As long as Brigadier Kassem is ready to accept this, he will be kept in office as he is considered useful for Russian objectives in the Middle East and a good "front."

Considerable attention was also given to the Syrian situation and particularly to the rising discontent in Syria with Nasser's rule. No definite decision was taken about future action in Syria, but close consideration was given to the possibility of a revolution and a consequent union between Syria and Iraq. It was also decided to pay special attention to revolutionary activities in Tunisia and Pakistan. The future of Jordan was examined only in conjunction with developments in Iraq.

Nothing of consequence was decided about Morocco but about Tunisia it was decided to maintain direct contact with Salah ben Youssef and to give him financial and other aid. Incidentally, there is an interesting report that Salah ben Youssef may shortly leave Cairo and go to Baghdad. If this happens, it may be the signal for some further developments in Iraq.

Considerable discussion was devoted to South American affairs. The most helpful countries in that area from Moscow's point of view are Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay and Venezuela. It was decided substantially to increase financial aid to the Communist Parties in those countries. In 1959 it is expected to be more than double what it was in 1958. Soviet activities in South America are once again increasing. A top-level decision about South America was taken in Moscow about July and since then there has been a noticeable increase in Communist activity in South America. The South American Communist Parties will be strongly represented at the Party Congress in Moscow. It is also to be expected that anti-nuclear weapon activities will be sharply stepped up in Western countries. Those are the main points of the important political issues before the Communist Party Congress. Outwardly, they will, of course, be overshadowed by a great deal of economic talk, especially about Khrushchev's seven-year plan, but a great deal of that will be window-dressing.

There are a number of globe-trotting politicians who seem to feel that their descending on Moscow for a lightning visit and a personal talk with Mr. Khrushchev is all that is needed to start an improvement in the international situation. An example in point from the most recent past: Senator Hubert Humphrey, Democratic member of the United States Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, on his way back from Moscow, claimed in London that he had spoken "uncensored" for twenty-seven minutes on Moscow radio. But uncensored for whom? — the full interview formed a special feature of a Moscow Radio English language propaganda broadcast to North America, laid on several times during the night of December 5. It was not broadcast live or in whole on any Russian broadcast. The Senator expressed admirable sentiments. Unfortunately none of them reached the Russian people to whom Senator Humphrey thought he was talking. But they did reach the U. S. A. in the form of a Moscow propaganda broadcast.

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# DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

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THE TURBULENT, strife-ridden history of recent years has prompted many to seek explanations of the chronic global travail, enlightenment as to its causes and cures, and perhaps an authentic, warranted glimpse of what lies beyond the obviously grave crisis in human affairs. This is available, in fully adequate detail and remarkable explicitness, within the pages of the Holy Bible. In His benevolent providence, God provided all knowledge necessary for man to understand and endure the unprecedentedly troublous years at the age-closing climax of mundane affairs.

Unfortunately, for every one who seeks and avails himself of the light of inspired prophecy, a thousand are drawn to dubious, delusive sources of information. The multiplicity of these false systems and philosophies is almost inconceivable. Casual leafing through a single magazine reveals advertisements touting the wonders of Mayanry, astrology, Rosicrucianism and assorted varieties of yoga, along with brotherhoods, foundations and "research centers" *ad infinitum*.

The stock-in-trade of all these persuasive propagandists is some system of occult knowledge, hoary with antiquity, which will purportedly revolutionize the life of the neophyte, provide pat mystic answers to all life's problems and enable the earnest novice to acquire sundry superhuman powers. A typical prospectus reads:

"Man was made to live in light," say the ancient prophets and master teachers who studied and mastered the Solar and Cosmic forces and were able to perform amazing feats."

That ancient and venerable systems of learning exist need not be denied, nor that they contain an admixture of truth in varying proportions. They presumably flourished in the vanished civilizations which

antedated the present historical epoch and whose awesome demise left the world "without form, and void," as Jeremiah was once shown it in a vision (Jer. 4: 23). And it is an inevitable assumption that their deficiencies were responsible, in major measure, for the annihilation of those proud prehistoric civilizations in fiery holocaust or watery cataclysm.

That these ancient systems of knowledge played a fateful role in bringing about the destruction of the antediluvian civilization within the present historical epoch is not conjecture but plain indisputable fact. It was a time when unregenerate angels (sons of God in the Genesis account) were especially active in mundane affairs. The result was a period of unparalleled corruption, so all-pervasive that God swept the entire civilization away with the Deluge. The offspring of the "sons of God" and human mothers, however, having immortality through their fathers, were able to continue their disruptive work as disembodied spirits.

The venerableness of these occult philosophies, therefore, is hardly a valid reason for embracing them. Nor is, by itself, the fact that "adepts" are able to perform feats that are quite marvelous, if not actually miraculous. Repeatedly the Bible warns the faithful against deceivers and corrupters, against the "spirits of devils, working miracles" (Rev. 16: 14) and against artful perverters whose inspiration is from the bottomless pit.

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." (II Thess. 2: 9-10.)

The one preeminently inescapable fact about these hoary occult disciplines is that they have been superseded. Like King Belshazzar, whose

kingdom at one point in history held sway as the supreme suzerain of the "mystery of iniquity," they were weighed in the balances and found wanting. Even before the history of the Adamic race began, God, in His infinite wisdom and foreknowledge, had determined to regenerate the earth by a more vital religion, a special intermediation, a consecrated multitude imbued with a sounder ethos.

That God had the entire plan of world redemption formulated before the history of the Adamic race began will be hotly disputed by the higher critics and the more obtuse theologians. No other conclusion is possible, however, once the testimony of three independent witnesses is unbiasedly studied and correlated. The stars and constellations, stripped of the later-added Greco-Roman names inspired by pagan idolatry and restored to their pure, uncorrupted Hebrew and Arabic appellations, speak with sublime, eternal eloquence of the wonders of God's redemptive plan. Names like *Al Phirk* (the Redeemer), *Taleh* (the Lamb), *Baraziggai* (the sacrifice of righteousness) and *Orion* (coming forth as light) abound in the mute, majestic revelation in the heavens.

The second witness to God's mighty plan of salvation is the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, built approximately 2600 years B.C. Here, in architectural, geometrical and astronomical symbolism, is enshrined a chronological outline of the entire 6000-year "work week" from 4000 B.C. to 2001 A.D. when the work of the "building race" is completed and the millennial reign of righteousness begins. The central focus of this extended period is graphically shown to be the afternoon of April 7, 30 A.D. Exactly on this day, as the centuries unfolded, the crucified Saviour from the cross declared, "It is finished" — signifying that

His appointed task of reconciling the oft-errant building race to God had been consummated so that the work of world-regeneration could sweep forward to completion.

Finally there is the Bible, tracing through history and prophecy the steady, step-by-step implementation of the Divine plan. Hand in hand, corroborating and complementing one another in perfect harmony, the three witnesses provide irrefutable evidence of the scope and foreknowledge of the transcendent design. A world wearied by stale, effete philosophies was to be rejuvenated by an energizing spirit from on high.

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?" (Isa. 43: 18-19.)

From generation to generation the clash between the old and the new has gone on, often with direct Divine intervention to confound the forces of disruption. At the time of the flood, only Noah and his family were saved to carry on the work of the building race. Conversance with all the vast body of occult and cosmic knowledge could not save a civilization where every imagination of the thoughts of men's hearts was "only evil continually."

But perhaps the most dramatic and significant test of strength between the old and the new came at the time of the Exodus from Egypt. At the very start a curious fact is evident. For the supremely important task of leading forth His people and organizing His Kingdom, God chose no "adept" or "master" of occult sciences but rather a comparatively untutored man whose first reaction upon learning of his commission was, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3: 11.) Nonetheless, God ordered Moses to go, and he would be given power.

The first three rounds between Moses and Aaron on the one hand and magicians of Egypt on the other resulted in draws. When Aaron cast down his rod and it became a serpent, Pharaoh's brain trust matched the feat — except that Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. On subse-

quent occasions Moses and Aaron turned the waters of Egypt to blood and brought forth a plague of frogs. Each time the magicians of Pharaoh were able to do likewise.

The fourth encounter, however, had a radically different outcome. When the magicians of Egypt attempted to duplicate the feat of Moses and Aaron in turning the dust of the land to lice, they failed. *This is the finger of God*, they told Pharaoh. Steeped in every occult science and esoteric philosophy, the wise men of Egypt were "stopped cold" when God Himself intervened.

Subsequently God wrought other miracles, until in the end Pharaoh permitted the Israelites to depart. The emphasis must be on *coming forth* or *coming out of*. God's major objective was to divorce His people from the sterile, corrupted old ways and set them apart for special tutelage. For this purpose they sojourned forty years in the Sinai wilderness.

Again, when Joseph brought the infant Jesus back from Egypt, after fleeing there to escape the wrath of Herod, a centuries-old prophecy of Hosea was fulfilled. "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt" (Hosea 11: 1). Stressed anew is *coming out* — the dissociation of God's people from Egypt which, in Biblical terminology, becomes a symbol for the false, idolatrous world-system.

And in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation, just before God intervenes to sweep utterly away the false world-system as the new age of righteousness is about to dawn, the cry once more goes forth:

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18: 4.)

This *set-apartness* of Israel is basic and fundamental. Where occultists teach universal brotherhood, the oneness of all beings beneath the superficial differentiation of races, nations and creeds, the Scriptures stress intrinsic and clear-cut divisions. Old Testament or New, the theme is recurrent and insistent. As Moses told the Israelites:

"You are a People consecrated to your EVER-LIVING GOD; and the EVER-LIVING chose you to be a People separated from

all the Peoples who are upon the face of the earth." (Deut. 14: 2, *Ferrar Fenton Trans.*)

Much of the Old Testament narrative details God's never-remitting efforts to keep His people uncontaminated by the idolatrous nations about them. At times the battle seemed all but lost. At one point the Lord told Elijah, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (I Kings 19: 18). Always, however, the winnowing process went on, whether the harvest of a generation was many or few.

If anything, the doctrine of set-apartness is more sharply expounded in the New Testament than in the Old. The "great gulf" between the rich man and Lazarus; Jesus categorically branding the unbelieving Jews as of their father, the Devil. And always the insistence that many follow the broad way to destruction, while only a few enter in at the narrow gateway of life.

But this concept of sharp basic divisions the occultists will have none of. Always their object is to adulterate, twist and debase God's revelation of truth. Always they endeavor to spoil His work by breaking down the barriers so that the blight of falsehood may corrupt the plant He is painstakingly nurturing. As one handbook of occultism states:

"Our fundamental spiritual basis is in the Central Sun, the Christos — who is the Radiant Point contacting the Nucleolus (the spiritual self) and giving life, energy and creative purpose to all the differentiated parts . . . In the Radiant Point all beings have their life in common. In that point or plane we are all of one blood, (life) as St. Paul says and there we find the occult basis of the law of Universal Brotherhood — all in one and one in all."

On the surface this appears to be a restatement of the Biblical affirmation that "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17: 28). But note how subtly the metaphysical gobbledegook undermines central tenets of the Christian faith! Instead of standing forth majestically as the world's Redeemer before whom every knee shall bow, the "Christos" becomes a depersonalized force, a spiritual essence. Can any-

one imagine Thomas, upon touching this abstruse "Radiant Point," exclaiming, "My Lord and my God"?

And it is the theory of universal brotherhood, rooted in the bottomless pit, which is behind the last-ditch efforts of one-worlders to block the imminent establishment of God's everlasting Stone Kingdom, of which His Israel will form the nucleus.

By depersonalizing God and Christ, in fact — and by warping the religious experience into a coldly impersonal evolutionary process — the occultists effectively "deal themselves out" of the glorious new heavenly Kingdom on earth. For membership is by selection, and the basis of selection is The Faith, The Way, The Life. Or in other words, through Christianity — the road to salvation ordained by God through His Redeemer Son.

"I have chosen you," is the Master's word that opens the Kingdom gate to the follower. "And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my special treasure" (Mal. 3: 17, *marg.*). Where the occultist must pick his painful way toward some remote, inscrutable "Radiant Point," the Christian may bask continually in the warm abiding love of God the Father and God the Redeeming Son.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I John 4: 10.)

To a Christian, the impersonal karmic world of the occultist can only seem coldly repellent. Having chosen to work outside the redemptive-regenerative process ordained by God, they face only ages of grim, toilsome effort aimed at some nebulous goal of attaining "higher ranges of consciousness" so that they may assist the "Elder Brothers" in the succor and benefit of humanity and act as "helpers of evolution." Annie Besant, a modern high priestess of theosophy, describes the arduousness and interminableness of the neophyte's road in these words:

"Everything that is good . . . becomes part of the stream of evolution, of that 'not ourselves' which makes for righteousness, and therefore it can never perish, can never be destroyed. Here lies not only the hope of man but the

certainty of his final triumph; however slow the growth, it is there; however long the way, it has its ending."

An occultist must find it discouraging, if not downright infuriating, to see Christians, through a simple spiritual transaction, pass through the gate of acceptance which he himself may reach only after eons of laborious striving, it at all.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." (Heb. 10: 19-20.)

Or as St. Paul puts it in his masterful Epistle to the Romans:

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath foreordained [*marg.*] to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." (Rom. 3: 24-25.)

And in the seventh chapter of Revelation is a description of the multitude who availed themselves of the gateway and qualified for life in the regenerated earth. Oddly enough, it says nothing about their being "adepts" who had impregnated themselves in occult sciences and readied their souls through intensive effort in incarnation after incarnation. It says nothing about any prerequisite of mastery of the astral world. The simple statement is:

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7: 14.)

But no such freely-bestowed gift of justification and life eternal interests the occultists. Just as the finest full-course dinner will not save a starving man unless he reaches out to take it, so God's gift of sin-remission and sanctification must be accepted through compliance with the conditions. Its very simplicity causes many to turn away from it. "The processes of purification and development," wrote Annie Besant, "are also continuous, and must be carried on through many successive earth-lives." And in rejecting the Light, they find that their own light is but darkness.

In no better state are the occultists who "major" in astrology. Pains-takingly they plot horoscopes to see what planetary influences are teaming to prosper their day or conspiring to frustrate their best efforts. The dead hand of paganism lies heavy upon them. In subjecting themselves to the old, they shut themselves off from the new. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Cor. 3: 17). There is no room for love, no room for mercy, in the implacable planetary influences which astrologers say rule the affairs of men. How different for the believers who accept the "new and living way"!

"The Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it." (Isa. 25: 8.)

The advent of the space age has given the demonic perverters a new line of attack. Capitalizing upon the interest of many in unidentified flying objects, or "flying saucers," they are finding new avenues for promulgating the perversions of occultism. In a book by George Adamski entitled *Inside the Space Ships*, a personality who purported to be from another planet made this statement:

"After the crucifixion of Jesus, who was sent to be incarnated on your world to help your people, as had others before him, we decided to carry on our mission in a way less perilous to those concerned than actual birth on your planet."

It is immaterial whether a disembodied spirit actually manifested as an extra-terrestrial personality, or whether Adamski "dreamed up" the whole incident. The damage is done by the subtle debasement which downgrades the Great Redeemer manifested through His earthly Incarnation into just another space-traveler who met with misfortune, and which makes His atoning death merely a lamentable accident. In whatever guise they present themselves, the demonic spirits are always motivated by the same objective — to debase and pervert the truth, and turn as many as possible aside from God's Way of Salvation.

As the age nears its end and the efforts of perverters and false teach-



ers redouble, it is vital for the believer to walk with ceaseless vigilance. He must recognize falsehood in all its guises and be ever alert against exchanging his Christian heritage for a mess of metaphysical pottage. As Saint Paul admonished:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Col. 2: 8.)

In its exposition of this verse, *Gore's Commentary* states:

"There is no thought of belittling true philosophy. But systems which claim to be philosophic, and to expand the Christian faith by a wider theology, are a real menace, both then and now."

The delusory preachments of the disembodied spirits and "elder brothers," so beguiling on the surface, are but snares and pitfalls to trap the unwary and turn their footsteps aside from the Way of Salvation.

For in setting up the process of world regeneration, God omitted nothing essential. This does not mean that He cast aside everything that had gone before. Much was retained — which explains certain correspondences between Christian doctrine and esoteric dogma, of which occultists make much. But the ordained Way of Salvation includes one supernally vital new element. And in rejecting this, the occultists lose everything.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1: 18.)

The all-embracing adequateness and efficacy of Christianity was eloquently summarized by William Milne in *A Retrospect of the First Ten Years of the Protestant Mission to China*. "Its moral and positive duties," he wrote, "are equally binding on all to whom the Gospel is made known . . . and its tremendous sanctions will be executed on all who reject or abuse it, without partiality, and without the possibility of appeal or escape. It commands nothing inconsistent with the outward condition of nations or of individuals; while it contains the germ of every principle necessary to render the throne stable — the nation prosperous — the family happy — the individual virtuous — and the soul eternally blessed."

Unfortunately, even within the Church this resplendent vision of Christianity's preeminent scope is often but dimly perceived. Satanic detractors have wormed their way into pulpit and seminary, warping and diluting its message. They have chipped away and bored from within, ever trying to debase Christianity to the level of other religions so that there might be "brotherhood" between Christian and Jew, Christian and Hindu, Christian and universalist. Peddling an emasculated effigy of The Faith, they have dim-

med into a flickering glimmer the Light that should guide the Anglo-Saxon nations unflatteringly through these troublous times. In the preface to his recently-published *Life of Christ*, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen states the case succinctly:

"The Western post-Christian civilization has picked up the Christ without His Cross. But a Christ without a sacrifice that reconciles the world to God is a cheap, feminized, colorless itinerant preacher who deserves to be popular for His great Sermon on the Mount."

Whether it be the pat preachments of the occultists or the impotent adulterations of the modernists, the counterfeit faiths will be revealed in all their shoddy futility as the age sweeps to its close. Neither apostate nor devil, dupe nor demon, can stay the majestic consummation of the Divine plan of world regeneration. Until the very last the satanic saboteurs will strive craftily to do what damage they can, seeking to lure those of little faith aside from the appointed gateway to salvation and beguile them with a false vision. But over the centuries multitudes have already chosen The Way, and assured themselves of a place in the restored Kingdom. In what time remains of this dispensation, others will enter in at the gate, thereby attaining the reward that awaits those who, rightly dividing the word of truth, spurn all blandishments of the Adversary's indefatigable legions.

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"Our generation is a generation witnessing the greatest apostasy the world has ever known — with only one exception, perhaps, that the extent to which lack of faith was in evidence on earth in the time of Noah has not been exceeded. Jesus said the two 'days' would be similar in this respect. We may be living in a day of wealthy and magnificent churches, with extensive welfare programs and profound conferences, but, insofar as the Bible is concerned, it has become a closed book to the understanding of the modern theologian who denies the need of the atonement, refuses to accept the fact of the virgin birth, does not believe in miracles and discounts the historical records and prophecies of the Old Testament while questioning much that is recorded in the New. The Angel rightly informed Daniel that these men have gone raving mad, for they are accepting the doctrines of devils in the place of the Words of Life." (*Study in Daniel*, pp. 360-362.\*)

If the idea of doing away with certain laws were actually put into practice, so that men could not be held accountable for law violation regardless of what they

might elect to do, the nation's descent into chaos would be swift and certain. To advocate the rule of license in place of the rule of law is to propound a doctrine of devils. This definitely marks our generation as living in the midst of the great apostasy that will bring the age to its close.

If the above proposal had been offered one hundred years ago in such a gathering, a thundering denunciation of these psychiatrists and sociologists would have come immediately from every pulpit in our land. The very silence from these quarters today but confirms the present state of apostasy in this generation as fulfilling the conditions that existed in the days of Noah which brought about the destruction of the world that then existed by the waters of a flood. The root cause of that overwhelming catastrophe then was moral depravity and a like degree of moral degradation today will bring just retribution from Almighty God who cannot and will not countenance such evil.

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¶ *God made the country  
and man made the town*

# This Babylonian Confusion

By Rev. E. J. Springett

THERE is in the early part of the book of Genesis an ancient story which, as all Bible statements are, is replete with instruction for the generation in which we are now living. It concerns the history of a civilization which is often referred to as primitive, but which modern archaeological discovery, as for example that of Professor Wooley in his excavation of Ur of the Chaldees, has proved not to have been so primitive after all; instead, the possessor of skill and knowledge in the arts and sciences in many ways comparable with these so-called enlightened days. I present a running paraphrase of the story in modern guise in order to apply to present-day conditions some of the lessons to be learned.

The story dates back to about 2000 B.C., between three or four centuries after the Flood. The Biblical story declares that only the family of Noah was saved from the destruction wrought by the Flood — eight persons in all; and that the three sons of Noah were the progenitors of the three main branches of the human race. The statement is terse and direct:

"And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: . . . these are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread." (Gen. 9: 18, 19.)

In the course of some three or four centuries the descendants of Ham, Shem and Japheth had increased tremendously and had gradually trekked westward until they reached the plain of Shinar, which apparently seemed to provide an ideal location for permanent settlement. Here, then, they decided to

stay and expressed their intention as follows:

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." (Gen. 11: 4.)

At first glance this would appear a natural and laudable aspiration. Man is a social animal; he desires to live in and become part of a community and this characterization was as clearly defined in the early days of the Adamic race as it is today. "God made the country, and man made the town" — and an awful mess has sometimes resulted, as witness the slum conditions in modern cities.

But these designers and builders of the City of Babel left something out of their reckoning. They forgot that they were not the masters of their own fate nor the arbiters of their destiny. They forgot that they were charged with the responsibility of peopling the earth. They did not remember that there was for them a Divine purpose, so they exalted themselves against their Maker and determined to seek their own self-glorification without any reference to any will but their own. And today, nearly five thousand years later, there is a similar state of mind.

As has been said by a noted Scottish Presbyterian:

"Independence of God, rivalry of God, the direct challenge to the authority of God, are these things not flaring abominations in our midst today? Sometimes the attempt is cultured and dignified, sometimes it is blatant and noisy . . . . And the effort of a man to work out a scheme of life for himself, apart from God, is no less amazing in its impious madness than attempting to erect a skyscraper that will land its builders

at the door of heaven. Whatever the tower we propose to build, which will lift us to heaven, whether it be called worldly success, or a reorganized society, or red revolution: whatsoever it may be, insofar as God is left out of the plan, still more, insulted in its inception — if God be ignored in our building, they labor in vain that build it."

These words were written in 1922, in the period immediately after World War I, as it is called, when there was so much talk about building a new world order; when the League of Nations was being planned as the international tower of world peace, and when we declared we would make a new world safe for democracy. In those days God was left out of human planning, and the measure of man's failure, *our* failure, is the measure of the suffering, the misery, the destruction and devastation of the last six years, to say nothing of the years of the great depression previous to 1939.

But to return to our story. Man's attempt to ignore God and defy His purpose failed, as such attempts will always fail. The City of Babel was not completed. The tower remained unfinished, because God intervened; and by the Divine intervention we are taught that "rebellion against God is the true source of human discord and misunderstanding." And further, that it is a fundamental mistake to suppose that any scheme for the betterment of society can be reared upon a material foundation.

The name Babel is akin to Babylon, and both terms in their basic meanings illustrate truths that we do well to consider today. Babel actually means "the gate of God," the entrance of Divine intervention and control. Babylon means "confusion," the chaos which inevitably results from neglecting the Divine

purpose and ignoring the will of God. Babylon is the city of man's devising, based upon the type of self-assertion proclaimed by Nebuchadnezzar of old:

"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" (Dan. 4: 30.)

Babylon was the birthplace of the cult of the worship of gold as the standard of power and domination. Babylon is described in the Book of the Revelation as "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication"; Babylon, whose decreed destruction is rapidly drawing near and will come by Divine intervention.

Babylon, from which God's people are commanded to withdraw by the voice from Heaven which proclaims:

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18: 4.)

Babylon, "*confusion*" — from which the chaos of today is derived and in which we are floundering in the sphere of international power politics, in the realm of economics, in our national and domestic social order.

Think for a moment of the confusion of the present, the dark cloud of uncertainty overshadowing Europe; the apparent impossibility of a satisfactory settlement of the peace in Europe as manifest in the diversity of opinions expressed as to the future attitude of the Soviet regime, and the seeming lack of a settled policy on the part of the British Empire and the United States. Think again of the growing possibilities of further complications in the Middle East, as exemplified by the trouble in Syria and Lebanon.

All this means a continuation of confusion. I would, therefore, once more remind you of certain basic truths.

There is available for our administration and use a Divine economic system which, based upon the

commandments, statutes and judgments of God, constitutes a moral, economic, political and spiritual system which is perfect. In it the basic principles of taxation, the monetary and financial structure, governmental functions, court procedure, relations between capital and labor, and the means by which poverty and privation can be eliminated are all clearly stated. The Divine economic system is capable of meeting the requirements of any age, at any time, under all circumstances and in any place.

It expresses clearly a system of social justice based upon eternal principles, viz., the sanctity of human life, the sanctity of the home, the purity of the race, the sanctity of private property, the sanctity of character, and it provides for an equitable adjustment of all social services and releases the individual citizen from all fear of an uncertain economic future.

It is backed not by human promises but by the sacred, inviolable and irrevocable promises of God in the following terms:

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments . . . that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." (Deut. 28: 1, 2.)

What are the guaranteed blessings, you ask? Well, read the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy; better still, read the whole book and you will find that they comprise success in all undertakings, whether in the city or on the farm; the well-being of the family; plentiful crops; seasonable weather; immunity from sickness and disease; long life, happiness, well-being and social security; and *peace*!

The things you long for are yours on the absolute promise of God, confirmed and ratified as to every jot and tittle by Jesus Christ, if, and it's a mighty big "if" — if you will keep, observe and put into operation the Divine economic system.

And the Bible provides rules governing the selection and kind of men that should be put in office. Here are its words:

"Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens." (Ex. 18: 21.)

Note the graduated responsibility in accordance with the ability, and note the outstanding characteristics: 1) "*able men*" — that is, men of proven ability; not mere office seekers. Men who have made a success of their own undertakings and who recognize the paramount importance of order and good government; 2) "*such as fear God*" — men who recognize that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" and know that to fear God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man. Such men recognize that good government, social security, stability, peace, freedom and justice depend upon practical obedience to the Divine Law; 3) "*men of truth, hating covetousness*" — that is, men of absolute honesty and rectitude; men who will not compromise with evil from motives of political expediency; men whose loyalty to God inspires loyalty to King and country; men who cannot be bribed, who put honor above party favor and private interest and who serve from a sense of duty — duty to God and duty to neighbor.

Humanly speaking, we are far from achieving these ideals; but their practical application will yet be made, and a great deal sooner than the majority of people imagine. That application can be made the moment we are ready to put God first, to study and apply His law, and ready to meet the King who is coming!

Yes, Babel means the gate of God, the entrance of Divine intervention. Well, Babylon, the confusion of the present, will be overcome, through the entrance of God. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. The Babylon we have created will fall, indeed its fall is imminent, and the Kingdom of God, the City which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God, will take its place. Then the blessings of peace and social security for which we all long will be enjoyed here on earth *literally* under the beneficent reign of Jesus Christ, the coming King.



# Credendum

AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. The ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel, or House of Israel, is distinct and separate from Jewry. In the Scriptures the terms "Israel," "Judah" and "Jew" are not synonymous and the course of history is widely divergent for the peoples properly classified under each of these titles.

The House of Israel is today an innumerable multitude apart from Jewry, a fact which the *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 recognized by its reference to the ten tribes as represented by peoples who are not Jews. There it is stated: "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim [another term designating the House of Israel]. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the Divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that the failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if the people of this race are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenants, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right in their

assumptions, there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

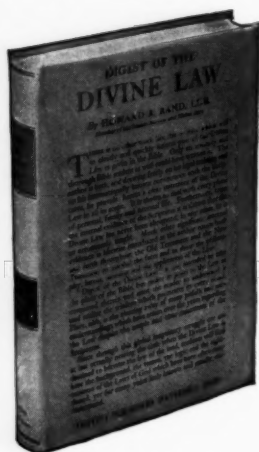
Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they, too, have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this (Jer. 31: 35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

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